

| Sl. | Name of the Organisation with address   | Action taken |
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| 1.  | Shaheed Abdul Hameed Education Institute, Dherwaha, Khatipura, Ward No. 60 Distt. Yavatmal, Maharashtra     | Black listed |
| 2.. | Apanaga Mahila Mandal Amravati, Kamala Jadhav, Maharashtra  | Black listed |
| 3.  | Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Samaj Sewa Sansthan Tarhala, Tarhala, Taluk Magroolpir, Distt. Akola, Maharashtra | Black listed |

The State Government has been asked to recover grants released earlier and seize the assets created out of Government funds.

### **Special Educational Development Programme for SC girls**

472. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Special Educational Development Programme for SC girls belonging to low literacy level in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the programme;

(c) which areas of Maharashtra have been covered under the programme district-wise; and

(d) the number of SC girls benefited under the programme in Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Sector Scheme of Special Educational Development Programme for Scheduled Caste girls belonging to very low literacy levels envisages establishment of free residential schools for Scheduled Caste girls upto class I only. Each School has a strength of 25 students. A lump sum annual grant of Rs. 11,340 per student is provided directly to the Zila Panchayats/ Parishads, on the recommendation of the respective State Governments for running the schools.

The Scheme is implemented in 48 Districts where the literacy amongst girls belonging to Scheduled Castes is less than 2% as per 1981 census. All these districts fall in the States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, as per 1981 census.

(c) and (d) The Scheme does not cover the State of Maharashtra.

### **Registered Orphanages in the Country**

473. DR. M. N. DAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recognised or registered orphanages or homes for orphan children in the country today;

(b) the total number of orphan children in such Centres, State-wise;

(c) the kind of education and training being given to these children to enable them to stand on their own legs when they grow up; and

(d) whether the Central Adoption Resource Agency has started functioning to the satisfaction of her Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) There is no specific scheme under the Ministry for recognizing and registering orphanages. Moreover, Orphanages are registered and recognized by respective State Governments and the Ministry does not keep any record of their names and number of inmates.

However, the Ministry has a Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organizations for Homes (Shishu Griha) for infants for promoting in-country Adoption, under which 48 such homes as on date provide care and maintenance for destitute children as a pre-placement facility. A State-wise list is placed at Statement (*See below*).

The children in these homes are mostly under the age of 6 years and are provided with care, nutrition and medical assistance amongst other things as part of institutional care before being placed in adoption.

(b) Yes, Sir.